

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SJR 183

April 12, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Proposes amending Article VI, Section 3 of the Tennessee Constitution to authorize the Legislature to establish a system of merit-based appointments with retention elections for judges of the Supreme Court and the intermediate appellate courts. Resolves that this amendment be referred to the 108th General Assembly and that this resolution be published in compliance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Tennessee Constitution.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$18,000/One-Time

Assumptions:

- A one-time cost of \$18,000 to the Secretary of State to print notice of the proposed amendment in statutorily designated newspapers as required by this resolution.
- According to the Secretary of State, the statewide average cost to publish the last three constitutional amendments was \$17,700.
- Because Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution requires publication of the resolution before the next legislative election, this publication would occur in the spring of 2012.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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